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May 14, 2024

**Re: Community Impact Statement on CF 24-0326: New Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Stations / Downtown Los Angeles / Equitable Hazard Emergency Services**

To Whom It May Concern:

At our regular public meeting on May 14, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) voted to provide the following comments below:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement in **support** of CF 24-0326: New Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Stations / Downtown Los Angeles / Equitable Hazard Emergency Services.

As one of the fastest-growing communities in Los Angeles, Downtown’s need for enhanced fire and emergency medical services (EMS) is critical to accommodate a growing full-time residential population and the homelessness crisis.

The June 6, 2023 “LAFD Standards of Cover Analysis” report presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners (BFC) outlines that Battalion 1 fire stations serving Downtown are some of the busiest stations citywide and serve neighborhoods with some of the highest population per square mile in the western United States. In fact, the Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan anticipates 100,000 new housing units to be completed by 2040 which would significantly increase density and with it, the need for additional fire/EMS resources.

As such, DTLA Fire Stations are under-equipped to serve the area’s growing needs, and do not have the physical space to accommodate additional rescue ambulances and other specialized EMS units such as Advanced Provider Response Units (APRU) and Fast Response Vehicles.

In addition, Fire Stations 10 (1951) and Fire Station 9 (1960) –two of the city's busiest fire stations—are over 60 years old and are in desperate need of modernization or replacement to address the backlog of deferred maintenance and lack of space for fire personnel and their respective apparatus.

Other factors such as delays at hospitals and the worsening opioid epidemic, mental health, and houselessness crises put a severe strain on resources in the field. Additionally, the BFC Standards of Cover Analysis outlines that fire stations in DTLA are primarily running EMS-related calls which aligns with citywide models showing a greater need for the department to support enhanced EMS services in over-burdened communities.

Therefore, DLANC asks relevant Departments and Council to consider the following recommendations in any report backs related to this Council Motion:

- Support the recommendations and findings in the LAFD Standards of Cover Analysis and incorporate these recommendations in any future report-backs to Council
- Consider the creation of a new proposition bond measure similar to Prop F, to fund the construction of new fire stations, to serve the growing population needs, aging facilities, and the need for additional apparatus space and firefighter housing.

**\* SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MAY 14, 2024 \***

Sincerely,

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Debby Zhou  
Chair,  
DLANC Livability Committee

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